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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gerald Wynn HALLWORTH

Serial No.: 09/651,083

Filed: August 30, 2000

For: INHALATION COMPOSITION CONTAINING LACTOSE PELLETS

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: A. Pulliam

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RECEIVED**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in further response to the Official Action of January 14, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application and supplements the response filed on April 15, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 18 with amended claim 18 as follows.

18(Twice Amended). A pharmaceutical powder composition suitable for inhalation comprising microfine particles of medicament and at least one preformed lactose pellet having a diameter of from about 10 to about 1500 micrometers, which pellet comprises a plurality of microfine lactose particles, wherein at least about 90% by weight of the microfine particles of lactose have a diameter of less than about 15 micrometers, and wherein the medicament is selected from the group consisting of codeine, dihydromorphine, ergotamine, fentanyl, morphine, diltiazem, cromoglycate, ketotifen, nedocromil, cephalosporins, penicillins, streptomycin, sulphonamides, tetracyclines, pentamidine, methapyrilene, budenoside, flunisolide, tiptredane,